

Minutes of June 25, 2012

A public hearing was opened at 5:30 p.m. to consider the suspension and/or the revocation of the All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Mepal Manor and Gedney Farm under Article 16 of the By-laws of the Town of New Marlborough for Delinquent Taxes. All members were present.

Attorney Philip Heller representing Willow Creek Partners LLP as holders of the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses advised the Board that presently Mepal Manor is in the process of being sold and that an application to amend the Special Permit for Mepal Manor has been filed with a hearing date of July 9. Attorney Heller advised the Board that funds will be made available at the closing to cover all property taxes and interest and that he will personally see that the funds are given to the Town. The Chair advised that he concerned as to the amount which now stands at just over \$135,000.00 and would find it hard to vote in the affirmative to any amendment to the Special Permit with such a high amount of taxes due the Town and he reminded the Board that a Special Permit required that all three Selectmen must vote in the affirmative to approve the issuance of a Special Permit. Mr. Heller advised that he would inquire from the buyer so as to get authorization to use funds presently held in escrow to pay the taxes owed as soon as possible. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue the hearing until July 9, 2012 at which time will take up the matter before the hearing for an amendment of the Special Permit.

The Board opened its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The board reviewed, discussed and approved with Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, a letter drafted by Selectmen Nathaniel H. Yohalem to Mr. Peter Niles, District 1 Highway Director, requesting an Acrow Panel Bridge to temporarily replace the Hadsell Street Bridge that is presently closed and a letter to Senator John F. Kerry regarding also regarding bridges.

The Board reviewed, discussed and approved a request from the Cemetery Commission for the purchase of a new mower. It was noted that three quotes had been obtained and that the funds will be requested by a transfer from the Reserve Account.

The Board reviewed and discussed the appointment of an Administrative Secretary. It was noted that the Board interviewed three candidates before last week's meeting. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Nicole Reed as the Administrative Secretary. She will work 19 hours a week at a salary of \$15,000.00 a year.

The Board reviewed and discussed with the Moderator the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant